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INDIAN WATCHES IN DOMESTIC MARKET
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of Indian watches in domestic market is only 20%;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide level-playing field to indigenous industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR.RAMAN SINGH)

(a) The share of Indian watches in domestic market is approximately 25% (10 million pieces) against an estimated total demand of 40 million pieces of watch in India as per estimate of Planning Commission.

(b) The balance of 75% are also assembled and sold in India with watch movement alongwith Indian case and dials. These are under OGL and are therefore allowed to be imported freely with a total duty of 39%.

(c) Import of watch movements unassembled or partly assembled watch, watch cases and parts thereof and other watch parts are allowed to be imported freely. The domestic watch manufactures supplying goods to duty free licence holder shall be eligible for deemed exports benefit under the Paragraph 10.3 of Exim Policy. The watch and clock upto maximum retail price (MRP) of Rs. 500/- have been exempted from excise duty in the budget proposals for the year 2000-2001.